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QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR

Letter dated 6 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Cape Verde to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a joint declaration on East Timor issued by the Heads of State of Angola, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe and Cape Verde on the occasion of their Tenth Summit, held in the Republic of Sao Tome and Principe on 10 March 1992.

I request that the present letter and the joint statement be published as an official document of the General Assembly under items 18 and 103 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Joint declaration on East Timor issued on 10 March 1992 by the Heads of State of Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe

The Heads of State of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, the People's Republic of Angola, the Republic of Cape Verde, the Republic of Guinea-Bissau and the Republic of Mozambique met in their Tenth Summit at Sao Tome from 9 to 10 March 1992 and analysed, inter alia, the recent developments of the situation in East Timor.

In this respect, the Heads of States condemned the Dili massacre and manifested their preoccupation for that abhorrent act, which violated the fundamental rights and liberty of the people of East Timor, whose territory is still being illegally occupied by Indonesia.

The Heads of State deplored the relative passivity of the international community in not taking any action or making any denunciation of the prevailing situation in East Timor, despite the fact that Indonesia is in violation of the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as of international law.

The Heads of State expressed admiration for the determination shown by the heroic people of East Timor in intensifying their resistance by all means against the illegal occupation of their territory, in spite of the silence that surrounds their legitimate struggle.

The Heads of State reaffirmed their unswerving solidarity with the people of East Timor in its struggle for determination. They declared their firm desire in consultation with Portugal, the administering Power, as well as with the representatives of the Timorese people, to search for all international avenues for a negotiated solution to the question of East Timor.

In this connection, the Heads of State stressed that the peaceful resolution of the Timorese question has to take into consideration the respect for the legitimate rights of the people of East Timor, and also observe all the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly and Security Council of the United Nations.

The Heads of State encouraged the Indonesian authorities to enegage in direct talks with the Government of Portugal and the representatives of the people of East Timor, with a view to finding a just, global and internationally acceptable solution to the question, which would also take into account the legitimate aspirations of the people of the territory, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and international law.

The Heads of State called upon the international community to extend its humanitarian aid to the suffering people of East Timor and also to allow internationally recognized humanitarian and non-governmental organizations access to the territory of East Timor.